and the rest, which were laid before the Queen, whereof for some part she findeth great cause of mislile that the commissioners should receive or give ear to any such presumptuous and disloyal petitions and answers As for their petition for free liberty of conscience, this request is deemed disloyal, for her Majesty will never grant to any subject of any degree the liberty to break laws, though heretofore she has acted mercifully Nevertheless, rather than that the purpose of pacification should fail upon some private demands, not being dishonourable, nor not much disprofitable to her Majesty, it shall be lawful to yield thereto

ABUSES IN PLAY

There is of late great abuse in play arising especially by people of base quality dwelling in the City of London and the suburbs who make false dice and dice of advantage to the undoing of many, and against whom there is no statute law The Lord Mayor is required to assist Mr Cornwallis, her Majesty's Groom Porter, in his travail to suppress these abuses by providing some remedy for the stopping of such lewd people from uttering false dice, and that neither haberdashers nor any other shall sell any but such as are square and good

i^th March THE QUEEN AND LORD BURLEIGH

'Tis said in Court that the Queen purposeth to make a progress of some fifteen days to consume the Lent, and to return to Greenwich eight days before the solemn feast which she will keep there , for she seemeth weary of Surrey and would go over into Middlesex, from thence to Osterley, Highgate and Hackney The old Lord Treasurer, upon some pet, would needs away against her will on Thursday last, saying that her business was ended , and that he would for ten days go tale

physic When the Queen saw it booted not to stay him, she said he was a froward old fool

i$tb March THE LATE EARL OF HUNTINGDON

By order of the Council the corpse of the late Lord President was embowelled, embalmed and closed in cerecloth and lead, but still lies unburied, attended nightly by four servants, for the Countess will neither accept administration nor give order for the funeral, to the great inconvenience of the Council in those parts